GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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CURTAILMENT OF EXPENDITURE
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) the year-wise expenditure incurred under various heads such a s publicity, advertisement, hospitality, catering, opening ceremonies, seminars, conference, tours (including foreign visits), S T D and IS T D telephone bills, electricity, bills (especially the electricity bills of airconditioners and coolers) in various departments and undertakings under the Ministry during the last three years;

(b) whether Government propose to launch any drive to cut down the expenditure being incurred under above heads;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SA PASWAN)

(a): The year-wise expenditure incurred by the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology under various heads during the last three years is as under:

(Figure in crore of Rs.)

Year & Publicity	Advertisement	Travel Expenses (including Foreign visits)
1999-2000	24.62	142.64
2000-2001	17.88	101.03
2001-2002	5.39	40.81

Separate expenditure under head hospitality, catering, opening, ceremonies, seminars, conference, STD and ISTD telephone bills, electricity bills is not available as expenditure under these heads is clubbed with various types of other expenditures.

(b) and (c): The Ministry of Communication and Information Technology scrupulously follows the economic instructions issued by the Ministry of Finance from time to time.

(d): Does not arise.